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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554.

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

FCC Rules §54.314 - USF Affidavit

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corporation, a rural incumbent local exchange carrier not subject to State jurisdiction, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

David L. Nace

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## CC Docket No. 96-45 Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Certification of Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corporation P. O. Box 67, 201 W Gore Ave Gainesboro, Tennessee 38562 AFFIDAVIT

I, Robert D. Dudney, General Manager of Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corporation (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

- 1. I am the General Manager of the Cooperative;
- 2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Tennessee where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
- 3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
- 4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and

5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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Print Name: Robert D. Dudney

Date: September 17, 2002

\_Title:General Manager

State of Tennessee

County of Jackson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of <u>Tennessee</u>, on this day personally appeared <u>Robert D. Dudney</u>, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September, 2002.

My Commission expires \_\_April 7, 2004

(seal)

Notary Public

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